

# MONTHLY SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

VICTORIA

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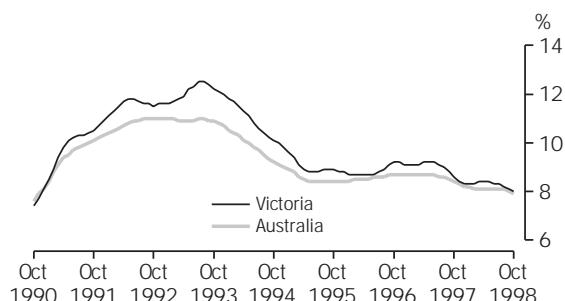
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ABOUT THIS PUBLICATION	<p>The aim of this publication is to provide a range of the latest statistics available at the end of each month of issue. Consequently, the dates and periods shown are not always the same for each table, but are in each case the latest figures available at that time.</p>	
SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT	<p>Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variations from economic time series so that the effects of other influences are obvious. Seasonal variations are the systematic (though not necessarily regular) intra-year movements of economic time series. These are often the result of non-economic phenomena, such as climatic changes and regular religious festivals e.g. Christmas and Easter.</p>	
TREND ESTIMATE	<p>Smoothing seasonally adjusted series produces a measure of trend by removing the impact of the irregular component of the series. The trend estimates are derived by applying a 13-term Henderson weighted moving average to the respective seasonally adjusted series. Readers are reminded that trend estimates are subject to revision as subsequent months' data become available.</p>	
CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE	<p>The collection of data for chicken slaughterings and chicken meat produced has changed to a quarterly basis. As a consequence, these items have been deleted from tables 10 and 11 respectively.</p>	
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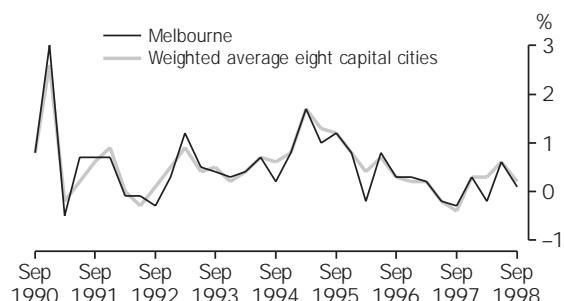
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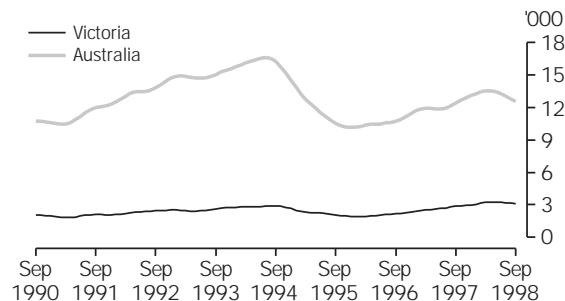
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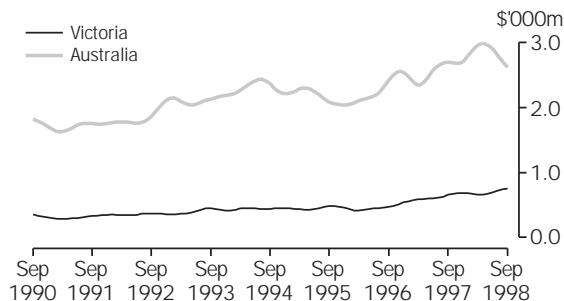
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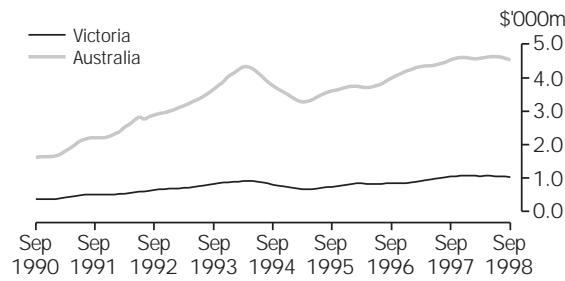
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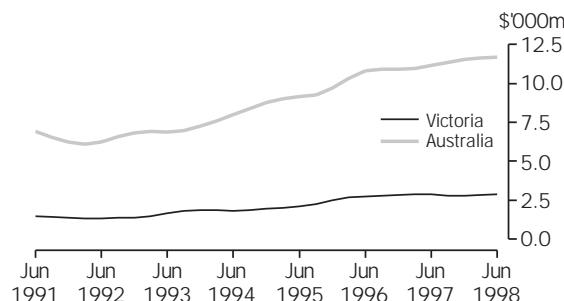
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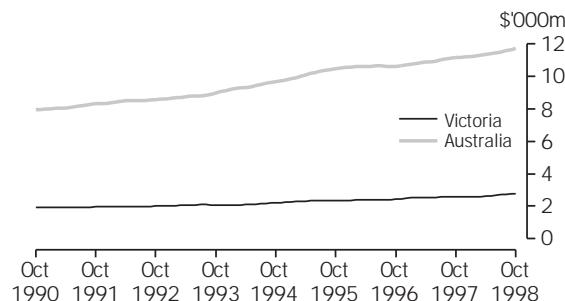
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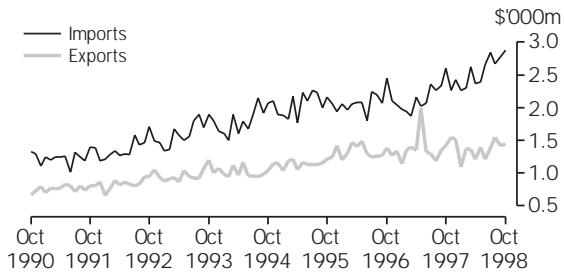
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## ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION

Period	At end of period			Increase during period		Melbourne Statistical Division at 30 June(a)
	Males '000	Females '000	Persons '000	Natural '000	Total '000	
<b>1994-95</b>	2 233.4	2 284.0	4 517.4	31.3	29.8	3 243.7
<b>1995-96</b>	2 252.6	2 307.5	4 560.2	28.5	42.8	3 283.3
<b>1996-97 p</b>	2 274.3	2 330.9	4 605.1	28.3	45.0	3 321.7
<b>1996</b>						..
December qtr p	2 262.5	2 318.8	4 581.3	7.1	10.2	..
<b>1997</b>						..
March qtr p	2 269.9	2 326.2	4 596.1	7.6	14.8	..
June qtr p	2 274.3	2 330.9	4 605.1	7.3	9.1	..
September qtr p	2 280.4	2 337.0	4 617.4	6.4	12.3	..
December qtr p	2 284.9	2 342.4	4 627.3	7.7	9.8	..
<b>1998</b>						..
March qtr p	2 297.7	2 352.7	4 648.4	7.8	21.1	..

(a) Based on the 1996 Statistical Local Area boundaries.

Source: Australian Demographic Statistics (Cat. no. 3101.0) (quarterly).

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## BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES

Period	Registrations				Annual rate per 1,000 of mean estimated resident population					
	Deaths (including Births infant deaths)		Marriages		Divorces	Births	Deaths	Marriages	Divorces	Infant deaths per 1,000 live births
	no.	no.	no.	no.	rate	rate	rate	rate	rate	rate
<b>1994-95</b>	63 617	32 271	26 831	11 602	14.14	7.17	5.96	2.58	4.95	
<b>1995-96</b>	61 324	32 827	26 117	12 002	13.51	7.23	5.75	2.64	5.30	
<b>1996-97 p</b>	61 187	32 876	25 664	13 046	13.36	7.18	5.60	2.85	4.53	
<b>1996</b>									..	
December qtr	14 987	7 852	7 723	3 398	..	..	..	..	..	
Year—1996	60 751	32 901	26 074	12 491	13.32	7.21	5.72	2.74	5.20	
<b>1997</b>									..	
March qtr p	15 012	7 434	8 101	2 810	..	..	..	..	..	
June qtr p	15 643	8 376	6 000	3 308	..	..	..	..	..	
September qtr p	15 671	9 225	3 822	3 164	..	..	..	..	..	
December qtr p	15 595	7 908	7 533	3 181	..	..	..	..	..	
Year—1997	61 921	32 943	25 456	12 463	13.45	7.15	5.53	2.71	4.88	
<b>1998</b>									..	
March qtr p	15 055	7 269	8 531	2 663	..	..	..	..	..	

Source: Demography, Victoria (Cat. no. 3311.2) (annual). Australian Demographic Statistics (Cat. no. 3101.0) (quarterly).

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## LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER

Month	Employed		Unemployed looking for work		Labour force '000	Not in labour force '000	Civilian population 15 years and over '000	Unemployment rate %	Participation rate %					
	Full-time	Total '000	Full-time	Total '000										
MALES														
<b>1997</b>														
August	1 022.4	1 168.7	100.2	15.2	115.4	1 284.0	498.5	1 782.5	9.0	72.0				
September	1 037.0	1 189.1	100.8	22.6	123.5	1 312.6	471.9	1 784.5	9.4	73.6				
October	1 043.0	1 195.9	85.9	15.2	101.1	1 297.0	489.5	1 786.5	7.8	72.6				
November	1 048.8	1 194.0	89.5	15.4	104.8	1 298.8	489.6	1 788.4	8.1	72.6				
December	1 064.4	1 220.2	86.4	23.1	109.5	1 329.7	460.7	1 790.4	8.2	74.3				
<b>1998</b>														
January	1 054.8	1 185.7	102.0	20.4	122.4	1 308.1	484.2	1 792.2	9.4	73.0				
February	1 065.0	1 202.5	96.1	20.6	116.7	1 319.2	474.8	1 794.0	8.8	73.5				
March	1 055.8	1 206.2	97.6	19.3	116.9	1 323.1	472.7	1 795.8	8.8	73.7				
April	1 060.8	1 212.6	90.2	18.4	108.5	1 321.1	476.8	1 798.0	8.2	73.5				
May	1 060.1	1 217.7	93.7	16.0	109.7	1 327.4	472.7	1 800.1	8.3	73.7				
June	1 048.7	1 213.3	92.3	12.4	104.7	1 318.0	484.2	1 802.2	7.9	73.1				
July	1 055.8	1 212.5	89.2	13.5	102.7	1 315.2	488.8	1 804.1	7.8	72.9				
August	1 046.0	1 202.0	87.4	16.4	103.8	1 305.8	500.0	1 805.9	8.0	72.3				
September	1 069.5	1 231.2	88.0	18.3	106.3	1 337.6	470.2	1 807.7	7.9	74.0				
October	1 058.7	1 213.8	81.3	17.3	98.6	1 312.4	498.2	1 810.7	7.5	72.5				
FEMALES														
<b>1997</b>														
August	498.5	891.5	57.8	29.0	86.7	978.2	882.7	1 861.0	8.9	52.6				
September	520.4	932.9	59.1	29.0	88.1	1 021.0	841.9	1 862.9	8.6	54.8				
October	511.9	916.1	55.4	27.3	82.8	998.8	866.0	1 864.8	8.3	53.6				
November	505.6	922.1	53.2	26.5	79.7	1 001.8	865.0	1 866.8	8.0	53.7				
December	530.2	934.8	55.9	26.3	82.2	1 016.9	851.8	1 868.7	8.1	54.4				
<b>1998</b>														
January	513.3	893.6	60.9	28.5	89.4	983.0	887.4	1 870.5	9.1	52.6				
February	526.6	387.3	62.9	27.9	90.8	1 004.6	867.5	1 872.2	9.0	53.7				
March	520.0	925.3	61.0	32.6	93.5	1 018.9	855.0	1 873.9	9.2	54.4				
April	531.2	937.5	57.4	29.0	86.3	1 023.8	852.4	1 867.2	8.4	54.6				
May	522.7	935.1	55.3	24.4	79.6	1 014.7	863.7	1 878.4	7.8	54.0				
June	523.2	941.4	52.9	30.8	83.6	1 025.1	855.6	1 880.7	8.2	54.5				
July	535.5	940.4	53.8	28.9	82.8	1 023.2	859.4	1 882.6	8.1	54.4				
August	535.9	949.7	50.3	30.9	81.2	1 030.9	853.6	1 884.5	7.9	54.7				
September	533.3	953.2	58.2	31.8	90.1	1 043.3	843.1	1 886.4	8.6	55.3				
October	529.1	938.8	47.2	26.9	74.1	1 012.8	876.3	1 889.1	7.3	53.6				
PERSONS														
<b>1997</b>														
August	1 520.9	2 060.2	157.9	44.2	202.1	2 262.3	1 381.2	3 643.5	8.9	62.1				
September	1 557.5	2 122.1	159.9	51.7	211.6	2 333.6	1 313.8	3 647.4	9.1	64.0				
October	1 554.8	2 111.9	141.1	42.5	183.9	2 295.8	1 355.5	3 651.3	8.0	62.9				
November	1 554.4	2 116.1	142.7	41.8	184.5	2 300.6	1 354.6	3 655.2	8.0	62.9				
December	1 594.6	2 155.0	142.3	49.3	191.7	2 346.7	1 312.5	3 659.2	8.2	64.1				
<b>1998</b>														
January	1 568.1	2 079.3	162.8	48.9	211.8	2 291.1	1 371.6	3 662.7	9.2	62.6				
February	1 591.6	2 116.3	159.0	48.5	207.5	2 323.8	1 342.4	3 666.2	8.9	63.4				
March	1 575.8	2 131.6	158.5	51.9	210.4	2 342.0	1 327.7	3 669.7	9.0	63.8				
April	1 592.0	2 150.0	147.6	47.3	194.9	2 344.9	1 329.2	3 674.1	8.3	63.8				
May	1 582.8	2 152.8	149.0	40.3	189.3	2 342.1	1 336.4	3 678.5	8.1	63.7				
June	1 571.9	2 154.8	145.2	43.2	188.3	2 343.1	1 339.8	3 682.9	8.0	63.6				
July	1 591.3	2 152.9	143.1	42.5	185.5	2 338.4	1 348.2	3 686.7	7.9	63.4				
August	1 581.9	2 151.7	137.7	47.3	185.0	2 336.7	1 353.7	3 690.4	7.9	63.3				
September	1 602.8	2 184.5	146.2	50.2	196.4	2 380.8	1 313.3	3 694.1	8.2	64.4				
October	1 587.8	2 152.6	128.5	44.2	172.7	2 325.3	1 374.5	3 699.8	7.4	62.8				

Source: Labour Force, Victoria (Cat. no. 6202.2) (quarterly).

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## EMPLOYED PERSONS, BY INDUSTRY

Industry division	May 1997 '000	Aug 1997 '000	Nov 1997 '000	Feb 1998 '000	May 1998 '000	Aug 1998 '000
MALES						
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	70.2	58.7	55.9	68.0	62.1	52.2
Mining	*3.0	*2.5	*3.2	*3.1	*3.6	*2.2
Manufacturing	253.0	249.8	250.3	247.5	242.5	245.8
Electricity, gas and water supply	12.4	13.4	9.9	11.6	12.6	13.8
Construction	104.9	110.9	115.9	121.6	128.6	127.0
Wholesale trade	92.4	—	88.0	92.1	104.6	98.9
Retail trade	157.5	150.6	158.4	159.7	150.7	151.8
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	35.2	37.0	37.6	31.9	39.4	40.7
Transport and storage	78.4	74.8	73.5	82.9	79.0	72.4
Communication services	25.2	24.5	22.4	22.1	22.2	25.0
Finance and insurance	43.3	42.8	46.3	42.3	40.0	43.5
Property and business services	121.3	130.8	130.7	130.1	134.8	148.8
Government administration and defence	33.4	29.2	38.4	37.4	36.1	35.7
Education	47.6	48.4	52.9	49.1	49.9	41.2
Health and community services	35.6	37.5	39.7	36.4	40.1	38.2
Cultural and recreational services	21.5	25.8	28.3	28.2	26.3	25.4
Personal and other services	48.4	47.0	42.5	38.3	45.5	39.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 183.3</b>	<b>1 168.7</b>	<b>1 194.0</b>	<b>1 202.5</b>	<b>1 217.7</b>	<b>1 202.0</b>
FEMALES						
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	35.2	28.0	30.8	35.4	31.8	26.4
Mining	*0.0	*0.0	*0.3	*0.3	*0.3	*0.8
Manufacturing	95.7	93.7	107.4	95.2	97.9	95.1
Electricity, gas and water supply	*2.1	*1.8	*1.9	*2.6	*2.9	*3.7
Construction	14.1	15.0	15.8	16.5	13.6	17.5
Wholesale trade	41.4	38.1	41.5	39.5	40.6	46.4
Retail trade	151.3	150.0	157.8	160.5	156.5	155.5
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	49.9	49.0	47.9	46.3	49.3	48.9
Transport and storage	23.9	18.1	18.7	19.8	18.2	16.2
Communication services	14.0	16.8	15.9	14.2	12.4	13.8
Finance and insurance	49.8	47.8	42.2	40.5	48.1	54.5
Property and business services	94.6	107.6	101.5	105.3	108.3	108.0
Government administration and defence	41.7	39.3	41.9	34.1	35.9	40.0
Education	89.2	90.7	89.0	85.9	95.5	94.3
Health and community services	145.1	144.7	148.9	158.2	160.6	157.6
Cultural and recreational services	21.9	19.4	25.3	21.8	26.0	28.3
Personal and other services	39.6	31.4	35.0	37.9	37.1	42.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>907.5</b>	<b>891.5</b>	<b>922.1</b>	<b>913.8</b>	<b>935.1</b>	<b>949.7</b>
PERSONS						
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	103.4	86.8	86.7	103.4	93.9	78.6
Mining	*3.0	*2.5	*3.6	*3.4	*3.9	*3.1
Manufacturing	348.7	343.5	357.7	342.6	340.4	340.9
Electricity, gas and water supply	14.5	15.2	11.9	14.2	15.6	17.5
Construction	119.0	125.9	131.7	138.1	142.2	144.5
Wholesale trade	133.8	123.1	129.5	131.6	145.2	145.3
Retail trade	308.8	300.5	316.2	320.2	307.2	307.3
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	85.1	86.0	85.5	78.1	88.7	89.6
Transport and storage	102.3	92.9	92.2	102.8	97.2	88.6
Communication services	39.1	41.3	38.3	36.3	34.6	38.8
Finance and insurance	93.1	90.6	88.5	82.8	88.1	98.0
Property and business services	215.9	238.5	232.2	235.4	243.0	256.8
Government administration and defence	75.1	68.5	80.3	71.5	72.0	75.8
Education	136.8	139.0	142.0	135.0	145.4	135.5
Health and community services	180.7	182.2	188.6	194.6	200.7	195.8
Cultural and recreational services	43.4	45.2	53.6	50.0	52.3	53.8
Personal and other services	88.0	78.4	77.6	76.2	82.6	81.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 090.8</b>	<b>2 060.2</b>	<b>2 116.1</b>	<b>2 116.3</b>	<b>2 152.8</b>	<b>2 151.7</b>

Source: Labour Force, Victoria (Cat. no. 6202.2) (quarterly).

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### JOB VACANCIES

Month	Vacancies all persons	Industry		Sector		Job vacancy rate
		Manufacturing	Other	Public	Private	
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%
<b>1997</b>						
May	11.5	*2.1	9.4	1.9	9.6	0.66
August	17.4	1.5	15.8	2.4	*14.9	0.97
November	*17.9	1.1	*16.8	2.3	*15.6	*0.97
<b>1998</b>						
February	24.0	*2.5	21.5	1.8	*22.1	1.20
May	20.2	2.2	18.0	1.5	18.7	1.00
August	17.6	0.8	16.8	1.9	15.7	0.84

Source: Job Vacancies and Overtime, Australia (Cat. no. 6354.0) (quarterly). Quarterly Survey of Job Vacancies and Overtime (Unpublished data).

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### INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES CAUSING STOPPAGE OF WORK

Month	Disputes		Employees involved				Working days lost			
	Beginning in period	Total	Beginning in period	Total	Manufacturing	Construction	Education, health, community services	Other industries	Total	
	no.	no.	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
<b>1997</b>										
June	7	13	2.0	5.1	3.5	0.2	1.2	2.5	7.4	
July	11	14	9.0	9.4	2.3	0.5	—	7.2	10.0	
August	11	14	1.9	4.0	0.2	0.9	0.3	4.0	5.4	
September	14	18	4.8	7.3	11.2	1.0	0.1	6.0	18.3	
October	10	12	52.8	53.7	33.7	18.6	1.2	6.6	60.1	
November	8	13	22.1	46.6	18.9	10.4	14.8	2.0	46.0	
December	6	11	4.0	17.2	9.4	3.7	—	4.2	17.3	
<b>1998</b>										
January	5	7	0.5	1.1	0.9	0.3	0.0	0.3	1.5	
February	8	10	17.2	17.6	7.8	1.3	14.3	4.0	27.4	
March	6	11	5.7	14.1	5.4	14.7	4.4	0.5	25.0	
April	11	17	6.3	9.1	2.6	4.0	0.5	0.7	7.8	
May	5	7	42.1	55.7	15.1	23.1	13.9	1.3	53.4	
June	8	10	3.0	19.5	0.2	17.7	0.0	0.4	18.3	
July	14	18	3.5	4.3	5.3	0.7	0.1	0.1	6.1	
August	12	13	12.2	12.4	0.1	2.9	2.0	6.7	11.7	

Source: Industrial Disputes, Australia (Cat. no. 6321.0) (monthly).

## 7

## AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF EMPLOYEES

	Males			Females			Persons		
	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All males total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All females total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All employees total earnings
Month	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>1997</b>									
May	736.90	789.10	676.20	618.50	636.70	453.90	693.90	733.80	572.70
August	754.20	812.70	695.20	625.80	643.40	460.40	708.10	751.90	587.20
November	748.50	807.60	714.90	632.90	653.10	463.60	708.10	753.60	600.60
<b>1998</b>									
February	762.20	823.10	722.00	634.90	650.70	477.70	716.80	761.60	610.40
May	767.60	825.30	701.50	646.30	660.40	470.40	724.80	767.00	596.30
August	770.90	826.30	704.30	650.20	662.70	475.60	728.00	768.20	600.90

Source: Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia (Cat. no. 6302.0) (quarterly).

## 8

## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX—MELBOURNE

Period	Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care	Recreation and education	Melbourne		Weighted average of eight capital cities—All groups
									All groups	118.4	
<b>1995-96</b>	114.1	108.0	101.4	113.0	122.6	154.2	148.7	120.3	118.4	118.7	
<b>1996-97</b>	118.6	108.4	95.0	114.7	124.0	158.5	157.1	123.3	119.9	120.3	
<b>1997-98</b>	120.5	108.9	86.5	115.0	123.3	161.4	162.2	127.6	119.8	120.3	
<b>1997</b>											
June qtr	119.6	108.4	90.1	115.0	123.8	159.4	162.7	124.8	119.9	120.2	
September qtr	119.8	108.5	88.7	114.6	124.6	158.6	157.3	126.0	119.5	119.7	
December qtr	119.7	109.2	86.9	115.4	124.4	161.2	162.2	126.2	119.8	120.0	
<b>1998</b>											
March qtr	120.7	109.0	84.1	115.1	122.1	162.0	163.6	129.4	119.6	120.3	
June qtr	121.6	108.9	86.2	115.1	122.0	163.9	165.8	128.8	120.3	121.0	
September qtr	123.6	108.9	85.3	115.3	121.0	165.0	166.7	128.4	120.4	121.3	

Note: Base of each group: year 1989-90=100.0

Source: Consumer Price Index (Cat. no. 6401.0) (quarterly).

## 9

## PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING—MELBOURNE

Group	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998			Weighted average of six state capital cities—Sep qtr 1998
				Mar qtr	Jun qtr	Sep qtr	
House building							
All groups	115.4	115.3	117.1	117.6	118.0	118.6	119.4
Other than house building							
Structural timber	116.1	110.1	115.6	115.8	116.8	118.3	125.8
Clay bricks	112.1	113.1	117.9	119.6	119.7	119.7	117.9
Ready mix concrete	118.6	111.5	111.4	111.5	111.3	112.4	107.0
Precast concrete products	108.1	110.3	115.7	115.0	123.5	123.6	123.4
Steel decking and cladding	109.9	109.2	109.4	108.3	108.3	108.3	114.7
Structural steel	100.9	104.2	104.9	104.7	104.8	104.8	113.3
Reinforcing steel bar, mesh, etc.	102.7	100.7	100.8	100.8	100.8	100.3	110.7
Aluminium windows	100.8	100.6	100.0	99.2	99.7	99.7	109.8
Fabricated steel products	113.1	116.7	120.0	120.6	120.6	124.6	117.4
Builders' hardware	114.5	116.5	119.6	119.8	120.3	121.4	122.2
Sand and aggregate	114.6	115.9	116.3	116.0	116.4	119.6	121.7
Carpet	101.6	101.6	102.6	102.9	101.5	101.9	103.3
Paint and other coatings	141.2	145.8	144.7	143.5	148.3	148.6	138.5
Non-ferrous pipes and fittings	112.2	111.5	113.0	110.2	109.4	109.4	134.0
All groups excluding electrical materials and mechanical services	109.7	110.0	111.0	110.9	111.5	112.0	114.5
All electrical materials	119.4	112.0	109.8	110.3	108.6	108.6	115.6
All mechanical services	114.1	115.0	114.9	114.6	115.2	116.2	116.7
All plumbing materials	118.9	120.1	122.8	122.8	122.3	123.0	128.4
All groups	111.1	110.9	111.4	111.4	111.8	112.4	114.8

Note: Base of each index: year 1989-90=100.0.

Source: Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other Than House Building, Six State Capital Cities (Cat. no. 6407.0) (quarterly). Price Index of Materials Used in House Building, Six State Capital Cities (Cat. no. 6408.0) (quarterly).

## 10

### LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Lambs	Pigs
Period	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
<b>1995-96</b>	1 523.6	589.8	2 488.0	5 897.7	1 142.1
<b>1996-97</b>	1 675.9	697.3	2 806.6	5 978.9	1 197.3
<b>1997-98</b>	1 797.2	769.9	3 375.7	6 287.9	1 364.6
<b>1997 p</b>					
August	132.2	185.5	195.8	452.2	104.2
September	129.4	178.5	234.5	537.6	108.1
October	147.3	80.0	322.7	582.7	107.9
November	140.6	28.3	310.1	565.1	98.9
December	163.9	11.8	340.5	583.1	115.7
<b>1998 p</b>					
January	165.3	11.1	339.3	539.2	104.7
February	159.4	8.3	419.6	473.3	102.4
March	r 159.4	r 21.2	365.5	506.8	120.4
April	163.2	33.7	268.6	547.4	120.8
May	141.2	41.9	183.5	478.4	128.3
June	146.9	64.4	203.1	481.0	134.5
July	156.2	106.4	219.8	581.4	135.1
August	r 122.6	164.1	r 190.5	r 538.7	r 121.3
September r	141.1	174.3	216.0	619.2	118.1
October	165.8	113.1	259.4	584.0	116.1

Source: Livestock Products, Australia (Cat. no. 7215.0) (monthly prior to July 1998 and quarterly from September 1998) Unpublished data.

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### MEAT PRODUCTION

	Meat (carcass weight)				
	Beef	Veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pigmeat
Period	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
<b>1995-96</b>	348 649	12 009	50 910	110 172	83 052
<b>1996-97</b>	373 818	14 293	55 545	111 403	85 872
<b>1997-98</b>	388 958	15 627	65 677	117 637	99 304
<b>1997 p</b>					
August	28 256	3 658	3 773	8 498	7 596
September	28 241	3 565	4 663	10 001	7 943
October	31 971	1 618	6 521	10 759	8 003
November	30 971	638	6 189	10 558	7 211
December	35 616	286	6 861	11 001	8 100
<b>1998 p</b>					
January	35 728	281	6 505	10 135	7 577
February	35 579	205	8 193	8 753	7 393
March	r 35 112	r 453	r 6 995	r 9 348	8 702
April	34 408	705	4 872	10 294	8 840
May	30 084	839	3 500	9 114	9 310
June	31 220	r 1 318	3 873	9 063	10 035
July	34 634	2 035	4 318	11 151	10 106
August	r 27 301	3 230	r 3 785	r 10 331	r 8 814
September r	31 548	3 419	4 388	11 911	8 692
October	37 422	2 243	5 396	11 297	8 759

Source: Livestock Products, Australia (Cat. no. 7215.0) (monthly prior to July 1998 and quarterly from September 1998) (Unpublished data).

# 12

## BUILDING APPROVALS—MELBOURNE AND VICTORIA

Period	New dwelling units(a)												Non-residential building(b)		
	Private sector			Public sector			Total(c)			Conversions etc.(d)	Alterations and additions to residential buildings	Non-residential building(b)			
	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	no.			Private sector	Total	Total all building	
MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION															
<b>1995–96</b>	15 676	1 624.3	1 068	86.5	16 744	1 710.8	617	467.2	1 352.5	1 934.5	4 112.5				
<b>1996–97</b>	19 670	2 185.2	447	35.7	20 117	2 221.0	1 189	592.3	1 527.1	2 303.0	5 116.2				
<b>1997–98</b>	26 500	3 027.1	723	56.0	27 223	3 083.1	1 029	701.2	2 168.2	2 593.0	6 377.3				
<b>1997</b>															
July	2 010	218.1	38	1.9	2 048	220.0	25	51.1	132.1	176.2	447.3				
August	2 490	256.0	78	7.4	2 568	263.4	55	54.2	122.8	142.0	459.7				
September	2 174	241.9	61	4.2	2 235	246.1	222	68.5	173.5	192.1	506.7				
October	1 807	203.9	77	7.0	1 884	210.9	64	69.0	180.0	238.3	518.2				
November	2 451	291.8	71	4.9	2 522	296.7	52	49.1	195.8	213.6	559.5				
December	2 072	232.1	71	6.1	2 143	238.2	60	43.6	440.7	450.6	732.3				
<b>1998</b>															
January	1 858	230.9	23	1.5	1 881	232.4	74	44.2	174.2	203.1	479.7				
February	2 034	219.8	25	2.0	2 059	221.8	65	56.1	137.7	165.8	443.6				
March	2 633	288.4	11	0.7	2 644	289.1	77	69.3	104.0	117.6	476.0				
April	2 487	297.1	55	3.7	2 542	300.7	47	66.1	172.9	254.2	621.0				
May	2 247	267.8	122	9.3	2 369	277.1	224	72.9	223.9	265.6	615.5				
June	2 237	279.3	91	7.4	2 328	286.7	64	57.1	110.6	173.9	517.7				
July	2 225	257.0	45	3.0	2 270	260.0	134	62.7	142.1	162.2	484.9				
August	2 376	290.3	51	4.2	2 427	294.5	192	69.5	314.2	335.2	699.2				
September	2 334	282.3	33	2.3	2 367	284.7	77	66.7	192.7	246.1	597.5				
TOTAL VICTORIA															
<b>1995–96</b>	21 643	2 171.1	1 401	108.7	23 044	2 279.7	663	590.1	1 721.6	2 452.4	5 322.3				
<b>1996–97</b>	26 014	2 793.3	596	46.7	26 610	2 839.9	1 240	728.5	1 879.7	2 839.8	6 408.2				
<b>1997–98</b>	34 178	3 811.3	1 171	88.6	35 349	3 899.8	1 089	858.5	2 476.9	3 064.5	7 822.8				
<b>1997</b>															
July	2 563	275.5	42	2.3	2 605	277.8	27	62.9	161.8	227.9	568.6				
August	3 084	316.0	79	7.7	3 163	323.7	57	65.7	159.5	184.5	573.9				
September	2 824	307.6	113	7.2	2 937	314.8	225	83.6	209.9	242.2	640.6				
October	2 505	273.8	112	9.2	2 617	283.0	64	84.4	204.8	279.2	646.7				
November	3 083	354.6	110	7.5	3 193	362.1	54	60.1	213.5	247.3	669.5				
December	2 675	293.5	90	7.9	2 765	301.4	65	55.6	456.7	470.2	827.2				
<b>1998</b>															
January	2 305	278.0	57	3.7	2 362	281.7	77	56.7	201.7	234.1	572.6				
February	2 620	278.5	71	6.0	2 691	284.5	66	67.3	158.3	222.6	574.5				
March	3 413	369.6	49	3.4	3 462	373.0	84	83.1	129.9	148.5	604.6				
April	3 154	363.8	110	7.2	3 264	371.0	49	77.8	201.2	302.7	751.5				
May	2 942	341.0	159	12.6	3 101	353.6	255	89.9	243.4	292.3	735.7				
June	3 010	359.2	179	13.8	3 189	373.0	66	71.3	136.4	213.0	657.3				
July	2 850	321.5	75	4.8	2 925	326.3	138	72.9	174.0	196.7	595.9				
August	3 000	355.6	67	5.3	3 067	360.9	196	78.6	340.5	366.4	806.0				
September	3 192	372.8	48	3.4	3 240	376.2	85	80.7	230.6	302.2	759.0				

(a) Valued at \$10,000 and over.

(b) Valued at \$50,000 and over.

(c) Excludes dwelling units created as a result of conversions or construction of non-residential buildings.

(d) Dwelling units created as a result of conversions or construction of non-residential buildings.

Source: Building Approvals, Victoria (Cat. no. 8731.2) (monthly).

# 13

## NEW HOUSES AND OTHER RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS

Period	New houses				New other residential buildings			
	Approved	Commenced	Under Construction	Completed	Approved	Commenced	Under Construction	Completed
<b>1995-96</b>	18 889	19 399	8 066	21 883	4 155	4 276	3 906	3 086
<b>1996-97</b>	19 805	18 652	8 937	17 613	6 805	6 047	4 151	5 727
<b>1997-98</b>	27 937	25 947	12 503	22 271	7 412	7 509	5 095	6 497
<b>1997</b>								
March qtr	4 924	4 597	8 176	3 997	1 874	1 560	4 046	1 553
June qtr	5 794	5 463	8 937	4 687	1 531	1 527	4 151	1 400
September qtr	6 732	5 717	9 537	5 102	1 973	1 822	3 874	2 036
December qtr	6 821	7 088	10 720	5 842	1 754	1 958	4 104	1 725
<b>1998</b>								
March qtr	6 577	r 6 034	r 11 512	r 5 242	1 938	r 1 924	r 4 806	r 1 220
June qtr	7 807	7 108	12 503	6 085	1 747	1 805	5 095	1 516

Source: Building Activity, Victoria (Cat. no. 8752.2) (quarterly).

# 14

## VALUE OF BUILDING

Period	Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings						
	New	Alterations and additions	Shops	Factories	Offices	Education	Health	Other	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
COMMENCED									
<b>1995-96</b>	2 486.2	679.7	444.3	249.2	393.5	330	108.4	953.5	5 644.8
<b>1996-97</b>	2 692.2	761	348.2	343.8	508.5	410.3	303.6	1 003.3	6 371.1
<b>1997-98</b>	3 817	890.6	577.8	240	426.2	269.1	247.4	1 383	7 851.1
<b>1997</b>									
March qtr	666.8	188.9	88.3	93.2	114	59.4	48.5	228.4	1 487.5
June qtr	789.7	235	97.2	74.4	104.3	214.1	103.4	369.6	1 987.6
September qtr	845.8	228.4	80.4	58.3	123.8	55.2	46.1	245.8	1 683.7
December qtr	1 050.3	223.9	124.6	84.3	93.8	70.6	93.9	601.3	2 342.4
<b>1988</b>									
March qtr r	870.9	187.0	134.1	54.1	91.8	65.7	42.6	327.7	1 774.0
June qtr	1 050.0	251.4	238.7	43.3	116.8	77.7	64.9	208.3	2 051.0
UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD									
<b>1995-96</b>	1 472.5	339.4	235.5	141.4	139.2	248.1	123.9	1 390.9	4 091.0
<b>1996-97</b>	1 582.3	358.5	284.6	214.9	233.4	310.0	236.2	1 741.7	4 961.6
<b>1997-98</b>	2 263.5	420.5	393.5	143.2	240.0	318.8	277.4	1 456.9	5 513.7
<b>1997</b>									
March qtr	1 456.0	309.3	237.7	227.1	228.6	188.1	172.5	1 801.3	4 620.4
June qtr	1 582.3	358.5	284.6	214.9	233.4	310.0	236.2	1 741.7	4 961.6
September qtr	1 669.2	388.8	175.4	167.4	193.9	343.2	245.6	920.7	4 104.1
December qtr	1 836.8	399.4	185.5	160.1	195.5	365.7	303.5	1 304.1	4 750.6
<b>1988</b>									
March qtr r	2 040.0	366.6	210.4	157.6	208.5	307.4	244.8	1 442.2	4 977.5
June qtr	2 263.5	420.5	393.5	143.2	240.0	318.8	277.4	1 456.9	5 513.7
COMPLETED									
<b>1995-96</b>	2 489.6	689.0	715.1	249.9	514.1	302.2	234.7	844.4	6 038.9
<b>1996-97</b>	2 617.6	768.5	364.8	295.6	404.0	342.0	194.6	1 106.7	6 093.8
<b>1997-98</b>	3 194.6	860.4	467.4	336.2	448.7	282.9	207.9	1 732.6	7 530.7
<b>1997</b>									
March qtr	616.3	168.6	121.2	56.9	100.5	88.1	34.8	271.0	1 457.4
June qtr	684.7	195.3	52.0	86.5	104.6	95.0	41.5	439.9	1 699.5
September qtr	775.5	202.9	193.1	114.5	169.9	30.8	39.6	1 101.1	2 627.5
December qtr	886.3	219.3	114.6	94.8	102.1	53.7	39.3	236.9	1 747.1
<b>1988</b>									
March qtr	r 681.2	r 227.7	r 99.6	r 61.9	85.6	r 131.1	r 96.8	r 201.6	r 1 585.7
June qtr	851.6	210.5	60.1	65.0	91.0	67.2	32.1	192.8	1 570.4

Source: Building Activity, Victoria (Cat. no. 8752.2) (quarterly).

## 15

### PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE, BY SELECTED INDUSTRIES AND TYPE OF ASSET

Period	Selected industries				Type of asset	
	Mining	Manufacturing	Other selected industries	Total	New buildings and structures	Equipment, plant and machinery
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
ACTUAL						
<b>1996-97</b>	758	3 447	7 290	11 496	3 379	8 117
<b>1997-98</b>	861	3 381	6 900	11 142	2 863	8 279
<b>1997</b>						
March qtr	162	772	1 613	2 547	789	1 758
June qtr	170	880	2 176	3 226	761	2 465
September qtr	164	775	1 563	2 502	694	1 807
December qtr	295	906	1 898	3 099	784	2 314
<b>1998</b>						
March qtr	163	756	1 527	2 446	615	1 831
June qtr	239	944	1 913	3 096	769	2 327
EXPECTED						
<b>1997-98</b>	1 265	3 244	6 263	10 772	2 997	7 775
<b>1998-99</b>	872	2 400	5 644	8 915	3 038	5 877

Source: State Estimates of Private New Capital Expenditure (Cat. no. 5646.0) (quarterly).

## 16

### COMMERCIAL FINANCE COMMITMENTS

Month	Fixed loan facilities							Type of lender	
	Construction	Purchase of real property	Purchase of plant and equipment	Wholesale	Other	Total	Revolving credit facilities	Total commitments	Banks
		\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>1997</b>									
July	134.1	439.1	178.7	148.9	1 162.2	2 063.0	2 470.0	4 533.0	3 757.0
August	98.8	411.9	168.5	93.7	692.8	1 465.7	2 193.6	3 659.3	2 827.0
September	153.7	500.3	179.2	124.4	583.9	1 541.6	2 560.3	4 101.9	3 545.9
October	93.0	549.4	279.7	222.0	471.8	1 615.9	2 512.8	4 128.7	3 180.7
November	77.4	463.8	138.3	81.2	525.1	1 285.9	1 475.9	2 761.9	2 279.0
December	167.1	539.6	164.7	123.8	1 729.9	2 725.0	1 862.3	4 587.3	3 996.0
<b>1998</b>									
January	76.8	483.4	121.9	83.1	372.7	1 137.8	1 359.6	2 497.4	2 154.8
February	116.4	425.5	119.7	118.4	722.3	1 502.3	2 150.7	3 653.0	2 757.5
March	220.0	446.7	161.1	91.2	505.5	1 424.6	1 773.0	3 197.7	2 508.2
April	75.1	418.1	121.5	90.5	744.2	1 449.3	2 033.0	3 482.4	2 496.7
May	124.6	489.7	117.5	157.3	1 263.6	2 152.7	1 592.5	3 745.2	3 129.8
June	103.8	628.8	142.4	115.5	1 163.6	2 154.1	1 440.3	3 594.4	3 089.9
July	112.8	527.1	171.6	100.2	1 112.3	2 023.9	2 243.1	4 267.0	3 570.6
August	87.4	r 391.1	131.7	169.3	r 451.3	r 1 230.7	2 182.6	r 3 413.3	r 2 912.4
September	113.1	461.6	202.6	78.8	713.8	1 569.7	1 534.8	3 104.5	2 487.2

Source: ABS Time Series Service (AUSSTATS).

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### SECURED HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS, DWELLING UNITS

Month	Original series		Seasonally adjusted		Trend estimates	
	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	no.	\$m
<b>1997</b>						
July	10 199	1 039	9 564	955	9 803	1 003
August	9 890	1 031	9 777	1 040	9 858	1 022
September	10 063	1 060	10 138	1 047	9 926	1 041
October	10 529	1 109	9 927	1 051	10 025	1 059
November	9 583	1 019	10 074	1 091	10 124	1 071
December	10 192	1 090	10 086	1 054	10 157	1 072
<b>1998</b>						
January	8 187	878	10 393	1 089	10 128	1 066
February	9 961	1 028	10 242	1 076	r 10 089	1 061
March	10 197	1 080	9 872	1 027	r 10 063	1 059
April	9 780	1 011	9 687	1 017	r 10 026	r 1 060
May	9 986	1 063	9 709	1 070	r 9 959	r 1 060
June	11 123	1 183	10 701	1 125	r 9 861	r 1 056
July	10 629	1 155	9 945	1 058	r 9 728	r 1 049
August r	9 249	1 013	8 968	988	9 569	1 039
September	9 641	1 041	9 253	1 015	9 418	1 029

Source: *Housing Finance for Owner Occupation, Australia* (Cat. no. 5609.0) (monthly).

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### RETAIL TURNOVER, BY INDUSTRY (EXCLUDING MOTOR VEHICLES, PARTS, PETROL, ETC.)

Month	Food retailing	Department stores	Clothing and soft good retailing	Household good retailing	Recreational good retailing	Other retailing	Hospitality and services	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>1997</b>								
August	1 069.6	198.2	148.1	336.7	144.1	268.8	307.6	2 473.0
September	1 047.4	226.6	154.5	325.1	151.6	272.7	304.8	2 482.6
October	1 124.7	232.6	168.7	372.2	162.6	271.5	328.4	2 660.7
November	1 101.1	272.3	178.6	373.3	169.4	264.6	320.6	2 679.9
December	1 256.5	465.3	245.5	482.2	250.5	383.6	371.9	3 455.3
<b>1998</b>								
January	1 128.9	214.2	155.6	320.1	158.6	254.7	339.4	2 571.5
February	1 022.6	174.2	134.6	280.6	142.7	236.5	297.0	2 288.3
March	1 085.9	208.9	163.8	300.6	150.8	272.9	339.1	2 522.0
April	1 079.1	246.6	189.2	288.6	139.6	281.7	340.2	2 565.1
May	1 093.9	238.9	198.6	304.9	137.6	271.5	344.5	2 589.8
June	1 054.9	211.7	183.6	298.0	135.8	264.8	324.3	2 473.1
July	1 144.1	255.2	200.4	312.9	151.8	284.7	348.5	2 697.6
August	1 118.3	213.4	180.8	303.6	161.5	283.8	357.3	2 618.6
September	1 113.8	228.5	184.4	319.7	167.9	288.7	356.8	2 659.9
October	1 201.4	246.4	193.3	339.5	166.8	315.9	372.5	2 835.9

Source: *Retail Trade, Australia* (Cat. no. 8501.0) (monthly).

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### EXPORTS AND IMPORTS, BY SECTIONS OF THE AUSTRALIAN EXPORT AND IMPORT CLASSIFICATIONS

Section	1997-98		4 months ending October 1998	
	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports
0 Food and live animals chiefly for food	1 171	3 604	431	1 282
1 Beverages and tobacco	127	159	49	65
2 Crude materials, inedible (except fuels)	566	1 867	218	460
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants, and related materials	r 783	938	354	222
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	92	111	34	37
5 Chemicals and related products, n.e.c.	2 958	915	1 048	319
6 Manufacturing goods classified chiefly by material	4 317	2 366	1 631	866
7 Machinery and transport equipment	r 12439	2 970	4 709	1 024
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	5 007	977	2 061	345
9 Commodities and transactions of merchandise trade, n.e.c	1 391	2 026	624	1 168
<b>Total</b>	<b>r 28 852</b>	<b>r 15 933</b>	<b>11 159</b>	<b>5 788</b>

Source: Foreign Trade Australia: Fasttracs Database.

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### OVERSEAS TRADE, MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS(a)

Country	1996-97		1997-98		4 months ending October 1998	
	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports
Belgium-Luxembourg	\$242	66	243	91	85	48
Brazil	125	81	134	76	39	25
Canada	394	123	r 391	122	140	39
China	1 755	658	2 154	624	975	174
Fiji	119	236	133	245	59	69
Finland	169	8	193	12	68	4
France	711	162	631	168	212	42
Germany	1 923	r 281	2 116	268	826	131
Hong Kong	267	812	r 339	1 073	221	280
India	231	239	256	188	109	78
Indonesia	507	428	637	325	522	67
Italy	832	320	963	396	355	95
Japan	3 097	1 523	3 847	1 683	1 447	568
Korea, Republic of	671	2 098	r 882	1 039	317	227
Malaysia	508	669	668	517	291	127
Mexico	64	52	80	77	30	35
Netherlands	237	r 40	254	81	103	37
New Zealand	1 247	2 140	1 311	1 552	458	542
Pakistan	75	55	97	87	31	11
Papua New Guinea	232	269	r 164	235	15	66
Philippines	108	372	135	388	59	130
Saudi Arabia	203	168	r 107	210	31	87
Singapore	468	893	r 492	989	170	249
South Africa	100	292	147	272	47	81
Sweden	502	65	585	41	169	11
Switzerland	241	66	277	24	116	12
Taiwan	792	696	852	r 656	337	295
Thailand	335	412	r 400	341	161	106
United Kingdom	1 635	416	1 694	r 454	724	867
United States of America	5 944	958	r 7 027	1 603	2 421	491
Other and unknown	1 359	r 1 708	r 1 643	2 097	621	794
<b>Total</b>	<b>25 093</b>	<b>16 306</b>	<b>r 28 852</b>	<b>r 15 933</b>	<b>11 159</b>	<b>5 788</b>

(a) The list of countries in this table reflects the volume of trade with Victoria. Information about Victoria's trade with other countries is available on request.

Source: Overseas Trade: Fasttracs Database.

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### VALUE OF OVERSEAS TRADE—VICTORIA AND AUSTRALIA

Period	Victoria			Australia		
	Imports	Exports	Excess of exports	Imports	Exports (including re-exports)	Excess of exports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>1995–96</b>	24 663	15 410	-9 253	77 792	76 005	-1 787
<b>1996–97</b>	25 093	16 306	-8 787	78 998	78 932	-66
<b>1997–98 r</b>	28 852	15 933	-12 919	90 700	87 769	-2 931
<b>1997</b>						
August	2 264	1 183	-1 081	7 048	7 186	138
September	2 338	1 344	-994	7 355	7 205	-150
October	2 604	r 1 421	r -1 183	7 944	7 628	-316
November	2 263	1 541	-722	7 184	r 7 635	r 451
December	2 425	1 509	-916	7 915	r 7 822	r -93
<b>1998</b>						
January	2 268	1 093	-1 175	7 109	r 6 304	r -805
February	2 294	1 377	-917	6 956	r 6 669	r -287
March	2 618	1 356	-1 262	8 188	r 7 311	r -877
April	r 2 367	r 1 213	r -1 154	r 7 446	7 197	r -249
May	r 2 392	1 402	r -990	r 7 666	r 7 948	r 282
June	r 2 657	r 1 209	r -1 448	r 8 472	7 732	r -740
July	r 2 845	1 379	r -1 466	8 913	r 7 476	r -1 437
August	2 669	1 541	r -1 128	r 8 157	r 7 754	r -403
September	r 2 772	r 1 429	r -1 343	8 557	r 7 598	r -959
October	2 874	1 439	-1 435	9 022	7 841	-1 181

Source: Overseas Trade: Fasttracs Database.

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### TOURIST ACCOMMODATION

Quarter ended	Hotels, motels, guest houses and serviced apartments(a)						
	Establishments	Guest rooms	Bed spaces	Room nights occupied	Room occupancy rate	Persons employed	Takings from accommodation
	no.	no.	no.	'000	%	no.	\$'000
<b>1997</b>							
March	647	26 667	73 512	1 494.3	62.3	14 842	165 101
June	650	27 170	75 353	1 365.9	55.7	22 630	145 443
September	663	27 476	76 123	1 410.1	55.8	22 746	160 195
December	661	27 616	76 010	1 484.0	58.4	21 478	164 141
<b>1998</b>							
March	668	28 603	77 836	1 534.1	60.1	21 322	175 596
June	669	28 850	78 637	1 415.7	53.9	20 754	153 243

(a) Comprising establishments with 15 or more rooms or units.

Source: Tourist Accommodation, Australia (Cat. no. 8635.0).



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